

Community Air Protection Program Technical Summits

February 2018

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) invites you to participate in technical summits on the implementation of the Community Air Protection Program (Program).

The Program was established as directed in Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C.Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) and provides a new community-focused action framework to reduce exposure in disadvantaged communities most impacted by air pollution. The bill recognizes that while California has seen tremendous improvement in air quality, some communities still suffer greater impacts than others. It is these communities that require special attention and accelerated action. AB 617 builds on the foundation of existing air quality legislation and programs by providing additional tools to target actions in communities that bear the greatest burdens. Over the next several years, CARB and air districts will be working closely with community groups, community members, environmental organizations, and regulated industry to reduce harmful air emissions and create a new framework for community protection.

AB 617 specifically sets out a planning framework for the Program that includes requirements for both CARB and the air districts, including a statewide monitoring plan and community-level air quality monitoring, a statewide strategy and community specific emission reduction programs (Action Plans), among other programmatic elements. AB 617 includes near-term deadlines to ensure expeditious action to reduce exposure to criteria pollutants and air toxics. By October 1, 2018, CARB must work with stakeholders to prepare a statewide monitoring plan and statewide strategy, as well as identify the most impacted communities for deployment of community air monitoring campaigns and/or development of Action Plans.

Staff are drafting a concept paper that provides staff's initial concepts for these elements. Development of the Program is still in the early stages, and the concept paper provides an additional mechanism to seek continued advice and feedback to guide our efforts going forward. The summits will provide stakeholders with the opportunity to have a detailed discussion about the draft concept paper. The summit presentations and concept paper will be posted prior to the first summit in English and Spanish and will be available on the web at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program-ab617.

Summits

The summits will be held at the locations and dates shown below. Each location will follow the same format and present the same material.

Oakland Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:00 – 3:00 pm	Oakland Center In the Trans Pacific Centre 1000 Broadway, Suite 109 Oakland, California 94607	
Bakersfield Tuesday, February 27, 2018 9:00 – 3:00 pm	East Bakersfield Veterans Building 2101 Ridge Road Bakersfield, California 93306	
Riverside Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:00 – 3:00 pm	University of California Riverside Extension 1200 University Avenue Riverside, California 92507	

The events will begin with opening presentations followed by discussion and then continue with a series of breakout sessions. The agenda can be found in the table below.

Agenda

9:00 -10:30 AM	Opening Presentation (Local Air District and CARB)		
10:30 -10:45 AM	Break		
		Technology Clearinghouse,	
10:45 -11:45 AM	Monitoring	Emission Inventory	State Strategy/Community Action Plans
11:45 AM -12:15 PM	Lunch		
12:15 -1:15 PM		Technology Clearinghouse,	
12.13 -1.15 PW	Monitoring	Emission Inventory	State Strategy/Community Action Plans
1:15 -1:30 PM	Break		
1:30 -2:30 PM		Technology Clearinghouse,	
	Monitoring	Emission Inventory	State Strategy/Community Action Plans
2:30 -3:00 PM	Wrap up and R	leport Back	

These summits are part of continuing coordinated outreach efforts underway by CARB and air districts. This includes community meetings, workshops, individual meetings, and other venues regarding the implementation of AB 617. To receive meeting notices, please sign up for email updates at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program-ab617.

Additional information can be found here: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/community-air-protection-program-ab617. For further questions, please contact Anna Scodel at (916) 327-1505 or anna.scodel@arb.ca.gov.

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- An interpreter to be available at the meeting;
- Documents made available in an alternate format or another language;
- A disability-related reasonable accommodation.

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- Un intérprete que esté disponible en la audiencia;
- Documentos disponibles en un formato alterno u otro idioma;
- Una acomodación razonable relacionados con una incapacidad.

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